

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1, 6-16 and 18 are pending in the application. Claims 1 and 6-15 are rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph; claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Hiers (U.S. 2,928,696); claim 16 is allowed; and the Examiner considers that claims 1 and 6-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph. The rejection is traversed and reconsideration is requested.

Claim Amendments

The amendment of independent claim 1 changes the limitation “the décor component” to “a décor component”; the amendment of claim 11 depending on claim 1 changes “the décor profile” to “the décor component”; and claim 18 is canceled.

Support for the foregoing amendment is found throughout the specification and in the claims. Accordingly, no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 1 and 6-15 stand rejected as indefinite under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, because the Examiner considers that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the limitation “the décor component” on page 1, line 5 of claim 1 and the limitation “the décor profile” in line 3 of claim 11. The foregoing amendment changing the limitation “the décor component” to “a décor component” in independent claim 1 and changing “the décor profile” to “the décor component” in claim 11 depending on claim 1 renders the rejection of claims 1 and 6-15 moot.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claim 18 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as anticipated by Hiers (U.S. 2,928,696). The cancellation of claim 18 likewise renders the rejection of claim 18 moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner's statement that claim 16 is allowed is noted, and in keeping with the Examiner's further statement that claims 1 and 6-15 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as noted above, the amendment changing the limitation ""the décor component" to "a décor component" in independent claim 1 and changing "the décor profile" to "the décor component" in claim 11 depending on claim 1 overcomes the rejection of claims 1 and 6-15.

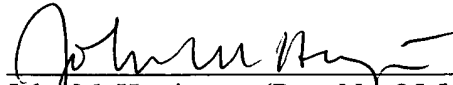
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendment and these remarks, each of the claims remaining in the application is in condition for immediate allowance. Accordingly, the examiner is requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejection and to pass the application to issue. The examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at (336) 607-7318 to discuss any questions relating to the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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